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Title: PROCESS FOR MAKING ABSORBENT ARTICLES  
WITH SINGLE-PIECE PANELS

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following preliminary amendment to the accompanying  
divisional application.

In the specification, on Page 2, before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION",  
please insert the following:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of co-pending patent application Serial  
No. 09/290,953, filed on 13 April 1999.--

In the claims:

Please cancel Claims 1-13.

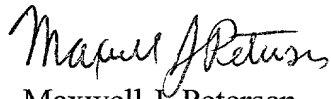
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### REMARKS

Claims 14-39 are presented for prosecution. Claims 1-12, which were the subject of an earlier prosecution and Claim 13, are not again presented.

Respectfully submitted,



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